Russian 7.62-mm Assault Rifle AK-47/AKM

Ammunition Types	Typical Combat Load
7.62-mm cartridge Ball Tracer API Tracer Incendiary	120

SYSTEM

Alternative Designations: AK, Kalashnikov **Date of Introduction:** 1949/1961

Proliferation: Widespread (over 50 million)

Description: Weight (kg):

Loaded (with magazine): 3.8 Empty (w/o magazine): 4.3/3.14

Length (mm): 870/880 Rate of Fire (rd/min): Cyclic: 600 Practical:

Automatic: 100 Semiautomatic: 40

Operation: Gas

Feed: 30-round curved box magazine

Fire Mode: Selective, automatic or semi-automatic

SIGHTS

Name: INA

Type: Fore, pillar; rear, U-notch Magnification: None Night Sights Available: Yes

VARIANTS

Numerous. Many countries manufacture clones of the AK-47 or weapons using the basic AK action. Some of these are made in different calibers.

AKS: Folding stock.

AKM: Improved AK-47, sights, magazine, and stock. Easier to

manufacture with stamped receiver. **AKMS:** Folding stock variant of AKM.

AMMUNITION

Name: M1943 (57N231) Caliber/length: 7.62x39-mm

Type: Ball Range (m): Effective: 300 Maximum: 2,500 Armor Penetration: INA Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 710

Name: M1943 (T-45) Caliber/length: 7.62x39-mm

Type: Tracer

Range of Trace (m): 800 Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 718

NOTES

Photo is of an AKM. All 7.62-mm Kalashnikov assault rifles are very dependable weapons. They produce a high volume of fire and are simple to maintain and produce. The primary difference between the AK-47 and the improved AKM is the receiver. The receiver of the AK-47 is forged and machined while the receiver of the AKM is stamped metal facilitating easier manufacturing. Both the AK-47 and the AKM can mount a 40-mm under-barrel grenade launcher. The AK-47 and AKM have been replaced in many armies by the newer AK-74. The AK-74 is basically an AKM rechambered to fire a 5.45-mm x 39-mm cartridge. The 7.62-mm RPK light machinegun is based on the AK/AKM design while the RPK-74 is a machinegun version of the AK-74.

Russian 7.62-mm Sniper Rifle SVD

Ammunition Types	Typical Combat Load
7.62-mm cartridge Light Ball Heavy Ball Sniper Enhanced Penetration AP-I Tracer	40

SYSTEM

Alternative Designations: Dragunov

Date of Introduction: 1967 **Proliferation:** Widespread

Description:

Weight (kg):

Loaded (with magazine): 4.5 Empty (w/o magazine): 4.3

Length (mm): Overall: 1,230 With Bayonet: 1,370 Barrel: 620

Rate of Fire (rd/min): 30 Operation: Gas

Feed: 10-rd detachable box magazine (15-rd available for the SVD-

S)

Fire Mode: Semi-automatic only

SIGHTS

Name: PSO-1

Type: Infrared detection capability for night firing

Magnification: 4x Field of View (°): 6

Night Sights Available: Yes. NSPU-3. The NSPU-3 increases accuracy to 1,000 m at night or during poor visibility.

Sighting Range (m): 1,300

VARIANTS

SVD-S: Folding stock, 15-rd magazine **SVU:** Bullpup (trigger forward of magazine)

OTs-03AS: SVU w/PSO-1 sight. 6V1: SVD with PSO-1 sight.

6V1-N3: SVD with NSPU-3 night sight.

AMMUNITION

Name: Sniper (7N14)

Caliber/length: 7.62x54R-mm rimmed

Type: Steel core Range (m):

Maximum: 3,800 With Scope: 1,300 Without Scope: 800 Armor Penetration: INA Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 823

Name: 7N13

Caliber/length: 7.62x54R-mm rimmed

Type: Enhanced penetration

Range (m): Sighting: 2,000

Armor Penetration (mm): INA. (Effective against lightly armored vehi-

cles and crews.)

Muzzle Velocity (m/s): INA

Name: B-32

Caliber/length: 7.62x54R-mm rimmed

Type: AP-I Range (m): Sighting: 2,000

Armor Penetration: 10-mm @ 200 m

Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 808

Name: T-46

Caliber/length: 7.62x54R-mm rimmed

Type: Tracer

Range of Trace (m): 1,200 Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 798

NOTES

The bolt mechanism and gas recovery system of the SVD are similar to those of the AK and AKM. The 7.62x54-mm rimmed cartridge of the SVD is not interchangeable with the 7.62x39-mm rimless round of the AK-47/AKM. The SVD performs best when using target grade ammunition, however standard (PKM/PKT) 7.62x54-mm rimmed rounds may also be fired. One squad in each OPFOR mechanized infantry platoon has an SVD. The platoon leader and sniper normally ride in the first squad vehicle. While the sniper has received centralized training on the SVD he also has an assault rifle (usually AKS-74U) for normal combat. His SVD is carried in the IFV/APC for those instances when he acts as a sniper.

United States 90-mm Recoilless Rifle M67

nd.	Ammunition Types	Typical Combat Load
	90-mm recoilless gun HE HEAT APERS Target Practice	7

SYSTEM

Alternative Designations: INA
Date of Introduction: Late 1940s
Proliferation: At least 11 countries

Description: Crew: 3 (see Note) Caliber (mm): 90 Weight (empty) (kg): 16.4 Length (mm): 1.35

Height (ground-mounted) (mm): 432 Mount: Rear bipod and forward monopod

Feed: Manual Rate of Fire (rd/min):

Maximum: 1 each 6 seconds, not to exceed 5 rounds

Sustained: 1

Fire From Inside Building: No

SIGHTS

Name: M103

Type: Optical, (graduated in 50 m intervals up to 400 m, every

100 m up to 800 m) Magnification: x3 Field of View (°): 10 Location: Left center

VARIANTS (INA)

AMMUNITION

Name: INA
Type: HE
Range (m):
Effective: 400
Weight (kg): INA

Name: M371E1 Type: HEAT Range (m): Aimed: 800 Effective: 420 Penetration: Armor (mm): 350 Weight (kg): 4.2

Weight (kg): 4.2 Fuze: Point Detonating Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 213

Name: XM590E1

Type: APERS Canister (antipersonnel) Fill: 2,400 eight-grain flechettes

Range (m):
Effective: 200
Weight (kg): 3.08
Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 381

Name: XM590E1 Type: Target Practice

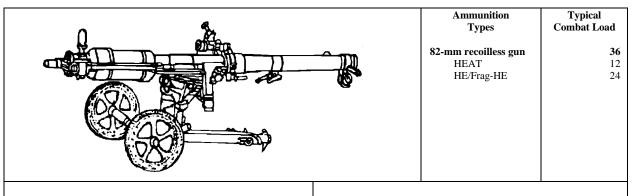
Range (m): Ballistically identical to the HEAT M371E1

Weight (kg): 3.08 Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 381

NOTES

The M67 90-mm recoilless rifle is a lightweight, portable, direct-fire only, crew-served antitank weapon. It is designed to be fired primarily from the ground using the bipod and monopod, but it may be fired from the shoulder. It is an air-cooled, breech-loaded, single-shot rifle that fires fixed ammunition. Although intended primarily for use as an antitank weapon, the M67 can be used against secondary targets such as gun emplacements and bunkers. It is also very effective in an anti-personnel role. Although no longer produced in the US, the M67 is still in production by South Korea.

The crew consists of a gunner, assistant gunner, and ammo bearer. The M67 can be operated with a crew of only two; however, the third crew member (ammo bearer) is considered necessary for efficient operations. In the absence of an individual to perform the duties assigned to the ammo bearer, the gunner (crew member 1) lays and fires the 90-mm rifle and is the crew leader. He carries the M67 and a pistol. The loader (crew member 2) is responsible for loading the rifle and acts as the gunner when required. He secures ammunition and checks the clearance of the backblast area prior to firing. He carries a pistol, spare parts, cleaning materiel, and 3 rounds of 90-mm. The ammunition bearer (crew member 3) is responsible for securing ammunition and providing security for the recoilless rifle position. He carries an assault rifle and 4 rounds of 90-mm.



SYSTEM

Alternative Designations: RG82 Date of Introduction: 1950s Proliferation: At least 10 countries

Description:

Crew: 4 Caliber (mm): 82 Weight (kg):

Firing Position: 85.3, 71.7 without wheels Travel Position: 85.3, 71.7 without wheels

Tripod: 6.5

Length (travel) (m): 1.85 Width (travel) (m): INA Height (travel) (m): INA

Rifling: None

Breech Mechanism Type: Horizontally hinged

Feed: Breech load

Traverse (°): 250 each direction, 360 total

Elevation (°): -20/+35 Rate of Fire (rd/min): 5-7

Emplacement/displacement time (min): 1/0.5

Fire From Inside Building: No

SIGHTS

Name: PBO-2 combination, and iron Type: Optical, panoramic and iron

Magnification: Optical 5.5x direct/2.5x indirect

Location: Left side

Sighting Range (m): 1,000 direct

4,500 indirect

Night Sights Available: Direct and indirect (illuminated)

VARIANTS

Type 65: This Chinese variant weighs only 28.2 kg (with tripod but without wheels). The gun uses the Type 69 combination sight and fires a mix of ammunition including the Type 65 HEAT round.

Type 65-1: Chinese variant with a two-piece gun tube for long distance dismounted carry. Estimated weight is still 28.2 kg.

AMMUNITION

Name: BK-881M Type: HEAT Range (m):

Maximum Effective: 400

Maximum Aimed Range: 1,000 (direct)

Maximum Range: 4,500 Armor Penetration (mm): 240 Complete Round Weight (kg): 4.87 Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 322

Name: Type 65 Type: HEAT Range (m):

Maximum Effective: 450
Maximum Aimed Range: INA
Maximum Range: 3,750
Armor Penetration (mm): 356
Complete Round Weight (kg): 3.5
Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 240

Name: O-881A Type: Frag-HE Range (m):

Maximum Effective: 4,500 (indirect)

Maximum Aimed Range: 1,000 direct/4,500 indirect

Maximum Range: 7,300 Lethal radius (m): INA

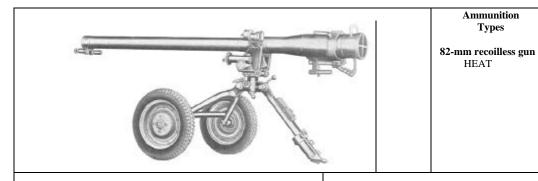
Complete Round Weight (kg): 4.87 Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 320

NOTES

The B-10 can be mounted on a pintel, but is normally towed on a two-wheeled carriage with an under-slung tripod. The gun can be fired while on two wheels or on the tripod.

Other ammunition types include O-881 HE and BK-881 HEAT.

Former Yugoslavian 82-mm Recoilless Gun M60



SYSTEM

Alternative Designations: M60A **Date of Introduction:** First sighted 1965 **Proliferation:** At least 2 countries

Description:

Crew: 2-5 Caliber (mm): 82 Weight (kg):

Firing Position: 122 Travel Position: 122 Tripod: INA

Length (travel) (m): 2.4 approximate

Width (travel) (m): 1.0 approximate, firing position Height (travel) (m): 0.83 approximate, firing position

Rifling: Yes, 4 with left rotation

Breech Mechanism Type: Vertically hinged with flange rotate lock

Feed: Breech load Traverse (°): 360 Elevation (°): -20 to +35 Rate of Fire (rd/min): 4

Emplacement/displacement time (min): 0.5/0.5

Fire From Inside Building: No

SIGHTS

Name: INA

Type: Optical telescopic Magnification: INA Location: Left side Sighting Range (m): 1,500 **Night Sights Available:** INA

VARIANTS

Distinction between M60 and M60A is unknown.

Typical

Combat Load

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AMMUNITION

Name: M60 Type: HEAT Range (m):

Maximum Effective: 500

Maximum Aimed Range: 1,500 stationary target 1,000 moving target

Maximum Range: 4,500

Armor Penetration (mm): 200 Complete Round Weight (kg): 7.2 Muzzle Velocity (m/s): 388

Name: M72

Type: Rocket-assisted HEAT Range (m):

Maximum Effective: 1,000

Maximum Aimed Range: 1,500 stationary/ 1,000 moving

Maximum Range: 4,500 Armor Penetration (mm): 220 Complete Round Weight (kg): INA Muzzle Velocity (m/s): INA

NOTES

The M60 is mounted on a two-wheeled carriage with a trailing leg that is used as a tripod leg for firing, as well as a tow bar for towing the gun. The gun can be towed behind a variety of vehicles, then moved into position by hand. Gun height is adjustable based on wheel and leg lock settings. The M60 can also be mounted on a pintel, such as the antitank version of the M-60PB APC, which features two guns. Back-blast safety area is 45 m deep by 25 m wide.